



# Lackawanna County

DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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## FY 2019 UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA) BROWNFIELDS HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES COALITION ASSESSMENT GRANT APPLICATION

### Narrative Information Sheet

January 31, 2019

#### 1. Applicant Identification

Lackawanna County Coalition  
123 Wyoming Avenue, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Scranton, Pennsylvania 18503

DUNS NUMBER: 135855265

#### 2. Funding Requested

- a) Assessment Grant Type: Coalition Community-Wide Assessment Grant
- b) Federal Funds Requested
  - i. \$600,000
  - ii. NA
- c) Contamination: Hazardous Substances \$600,000

3. Location: City of Scranton and all of Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania.

4. NA

#### 5. Contacts:

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- b) Chief Executive Officer of Lackawanna County Department of Economic Development:  
George Kelly, Director of  
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123 Wyoming Avenue, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor  
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6. Population

- i) The project is within the limits of Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania. The County's population as of the 2017 US Census was 210,761.

7. The "Other Factors" checklist is attached.

8. Letter from the State Environmental Authority is attached

Thank you for your consideration,



George Kelly, Director

### **Other Factors Checklist**

<b>Other Factors</b>	<b>Page #</b>
Community population is 10,000 or less.	
The applicant is, or will assist, a federally recognized Indian tribe or United States territory.	
The priority brownfield site(s) is impacted by mine-scarred land.	1
The priority site(s) is adjacent to a body of water (i.e., the border of the priority site(s) is contiguous or partially contiguous to the body of water, or would be contiguous or partially contiguous with a body of water but for a street, road, or other public thoroughfare separating them).	1
The priority site(s) is in a federally designated flood plain.	
The redevelopment of the priority site(s) will facilitate renewable energy from wind, solar, or geothermal energy; or any energy efficiency improvement projects.	3
30% or more of the overall project budget will be spent on eligible reuse planning activities for priority brownfields site(s) within the target area.	



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December 12, 2018

Sandra Opshinsky  
Lackawanna County Department of Economic & Community Development  
Lackawanna County Brownfields Project Steering Committee  
135 Jefferson Avenue 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Scranton, PA 18503

RE: USEPA Brownfields Assessment Proposal | State Letter of Acknowledgement  
Lackawanna County and Scranton Properties  
Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania

Dear Ms. Opshinsky:

The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) is pleased to support your efforts to redevelop brownfield properties in your communities. Returning these underutilized land and buildings to productive use improves our environment, safeguards our residents, and helps boost Pennsylvania's economy.

The DEP supports Lackawanna County Department of Economic & Community Development's application for hazardous substances Brownfields Assessment Grant from the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) in the amount of \$600,000 focusing on various previously identified properties in both Scranton, PA and other areas in Lackawanna County. The Department's efforts to re-examine the redevelopment potential of aggregated, underutilized sites to create renewed neighborhoods and business districts in Pennsylvania is a worthwhile endeavor.

Both Central Office and Regional Office Staff in the Land Recycling Program look forward to supporting Lackawanna County Department of Economic & Community Development and U.S. EPA Region 3 on this project.

If you have any questions, please contact John Gross by email at [johngross@pa.gov](mailto:johngross@pa.gov) or by telephone at 717-783-7502.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Troy Conrad".

Troy Conrad  
Director  
Bureau Environmental Cleanups and Brownfields

## 1. Project Area Description and Plans for Revitalization

### a. Target Area and Brownfields

- i. Background and Description of Target Area: Lackawanna County (the County) is located in the primarily rural northeastern part of Pennsylvania. The County and the surrounding area have a long and proud tradition of coal mining. High-value anthracite coal was discovered in the region in the early 1800s and signaled the beginning of an economic boom for the County. Rapid mining expansion and demands for coal from New York and New Jersey necessitated the need to develop an extensive rail and canal infrastructure throughout the County. By the mid-1800s, steel deposits were also discovered and provided an additional resource to mine in the county. Lackawanna County enjoyed nearly a century of growth and prosperity as a result of the coal, steel and rail industries. In the 1880's, the first electric street car system in the United States was built in Scranton, thus earning it the nickname "The Electric City". Coal-mining infrastructure dominated the skyline of every community in the County and modern day America was being built off the resources of Lackawanna County. However, by the early 1900s, the boom had ended and the mining industry in the County began a slow process of decline and abandonment. By the 1950s, the mining industries were all but gone leaving a network of buildings, factories and mines to decay. Since then, the County has struggled to overcome the mining legacy and re-establish itself as an economic center.

The deleterious effects of a century of neglect and intensive land use related to mining have created hundreds of brownfields sites of all sizes with environmental and physical hazards across the entire county. Coal ash piles, minefill sites, riverfront industrial sites and the associated deteriorating infrastructure are ubiquitous in the County. These sites have negatively impacted the overall economic, social, health and environmental conditions of the County and its largest urban center and county seat, Scranton. In many areas, brownfields are located near sensitive populations living in disadvantaged communities. These communities are largely small, rural and lack the resources to confront the complex challenges of redeveloping brownfields. The Lackawanna County Coalition (the City of Scranton, the Redevelopment Authority of Lackawanna County [separate authority] and the County of Lackawanna) have recognized this and are submitting this application for a US EPA Community Wide Brownfields Assessment Grant to inventory, assess and redevelop brownfields throughout Lackawanna County. The specific target areas are the former industrial/manufacturing hubs of Scranton, Old Forge, and Carbondale as well as mine-scarred sites throughout the County.

- ii. Description of the Priority Brownfields Sites: The legacy of mining and natural resource extraction and the ancillary industries they supplied including steel production and manufacturing, in Lackawanna County are proving to be a difficult challenge to overcome as the County attempts to adapt to a changing economy. The table below provides a description of the initial list of the highest priority brownfield sites that will be targeted for assessment because of size, potential for contamination to impact sensitive populations, and the historic use of these sites.

Site	Location	Adjacent to Body of Water	Potential Contamination
Keystone Block	Scranton	Tributary to Lackawanna River	VOCs, SVOCs, Metals
Former Manufacturing,	Scranton	Lackawanna River	VOCs, SVOCs, Metals
Carbondale Transload	Carbondale	Lackawanna River	VOCs, SVOCs, Metals
Rudy's Junkyard	Old Forge	No	VOCs, SVOCs, Metals
Mine Scarred Land	County Wide	Lackawanna River	Metals, SVOCs
Manufacturing facility	Old Forge	Lackawanna River	VOCs, SVOCs, Metals

Another brownfield challenge with in the County is the potential migration of contaminants from these sites to the Lackawanna River. The Lackawanna River bisects the county and discharges into the Susquehanna River. However, pollution, in part, from brownfields sites such as abandoned mines and former industrial sites located near the river have been impacting water quality for decades. Both rivers lie within the Chesapeake Bay Watershed, thus pollution originating from brownfields sites across the county have the potential to migrate into these waterways and impact the Chesapeake Bay. Mitigating the contributions of pollution to the Lackawanna River from brownfields is necessary and represents an opportunity for the County to promote health waterways on local, state and regional levels.

b. Revitalization of the Target Area

i. Redevelopment Strategy and Alignment with Revitalization Plans: The Lackawanna County Coalition intends to follow the objectives of the Lackawanna-Luzerne Counties Joint Comprehensive Plan and Long-Range Transportation Plan (Transportation Plan, 2012). The assessments of brownfield sites throughout the County would be consistent with the goals of the 2012 Transportation Plan to, “provide opportunities for new development and redevelopment on properties that are vacant or underutilized.” Specifically, these properties have been identified in “Infill Areas” throughout the County. These areas are targeted for future growth and development to support multimodal linkages to nearby existing commercial and residential areas, including bicycle and pedestrian access. Additionally, assessments of properties located within county “Priority Areas”, which include commercial and residential districts, will support the Transportation Plan’s goal of preservation of public open space and new construction. These goals are consistent with the Sustainability and Livability Principles<sup>1</sup> to promote smart growth in communities across the country. However, properties targeted by the various county plans, partnerships and initiatives need to be assessed for potential environmental concerns associated with historic uses. The sites listed above have been identified based on these criteria.

ii. Outcomes and Benefits of Redevelopment Strategy: Lackawanna County will use the following systematic approach to brownfields redevelopment across the County with the Assessment Grant funding; **Assess and redevelop brownfields that connect, expand or create greenspaces and support sustainable transportation:** As outlined in the Open Space, Greenways & Outdoor Recreation Master Plan (2004), the County is currently promoting a number of initiatives that create safe and accessible greenways which encourage recreational use and utilize rail, transportation and utility corridors to develop a network of greenways that connect urban areas and encourage alternative transportation modes. Sites that will facilitate greenway expansion and trail extensions will be identified and assessed during the project to promote these county-wide goals. The Lackawanna River Corridor Association, a non-profit group focused on the creation and preservation of open space and trails, is a partner in this effort and has identified crucial trail head sites for assessment activities.

**Assess and redevelop brownfields in urbanized areas and neighborhoods:** Using funding from the Assessment Grant, the County will identify and assess brownfields sites affecting disadvantaged and sensitive populations in Scranton and the entire county. The sites will be prioritized based on accessibility, their potential for redevelopment and their connection to existing transportation infrastructure. For sites where property transactions are imminent, a Phase I ESA will be completed to satisfy the future owner’s due diligence requirements.

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<sup>1</sup> Livability Principles defined by the Partnership for Sustainable Communities between the US EPA, US Department of Transportation and the US Department of Housing and Urban Development to help communities improve access to affordable housing and transportation while protecting the environment.

### **Assess and redevelop brownfields that support and catalyze additional redevelopment:**

Assessment funding for contaminated sites will be used to conduct Phase I and Phase II ESAs as part of a dynamic approach to assess new brownfields sites that are identified by businesses and developers once the overall assessment program commences. This approach will allow the brownfields assessment program to be responsive to new interest and capitalize on project progress and renewable energy projects, such as the Bear Creek Wind Farm located 10-miles southwest of Scranton.

#### **c. Strategy for Leveraging Resources**

i. **Resources Needed for Site Reuse:** Assessment grants are a critical mechanism to catalyze Brownfields redevelopment projects by providing a source of funding to facilitate environmental site assessments, address liability concerns, project design and remediation planning. Additional sources of financial support will likely be needed to ensure a successful brownfields redevelopment program throughout the County. However sources for the initial assessment activities are limited, thus the EPA funding is crucial to the redevelopment plan and goals. The Coalition partners have a strong history of leveraging funding for community revitalization projects and initiatives. If the assessments determine that additional funding is required, the county will leverage its network of redevelopment and financial partners to provide this support. The following is a list of redevelopment leveraging that the Lackawanna County Coalition partners have successfully leveraged for previous projects and will continue engage to move brownfields redevelopment forward.

- **Community Development Block Grant Program:** Lackawanna County Department of Planning and Economic Development administers this U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development program which provides support to benefit low- and moderate-income persons, prevent or elimination of slums or blight, or address community development needs which pose an immediate threat to the health and safety of the community. (**Value: determined by HUD formula**)
- **Keystone Opportunity Zone** – This Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development program provides certain state and local tax abatement to businesses and residents locating in designated zones. (**Value: significant/variable**)
- **Pennsylvania Industrial Development Authority** – This PA Department of Community and Economic Development program provides low-interest loan financing through Industrial Development Corporations for land and building acquisition, construction and renovation, resulting in the creation or retention of jobs (**Value: up to \$2 million**)
- **Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development**—provides grants financing through Industrial Site Reuse Program for environmental assessment and remediation activities. The County is pending award of a \$500,000 grant for the remediation of a site that was previously assessed with EPA brownfields grant funds. (**Value: up to \$1.2 million**)
- **Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources** – provides grants financing for community parks, open space and trails, Scranton a coalition partner, has already secured \$450,000 for the redevelopment of a brownfield site which was assessed under the previous grant which is being developed into an urban pocket park.

Additionally, Lackawanna County has established funding to promote environmentally beneficial reuse and sustainability projects. County municipalities, municipal authorities and tax-exempt organizations, are eligible to take advantage of the Lackawanna County Community Re-Invest program which provides funding to preserve open spaces, acquire and construct greenways, acquire outdoor recreational facilities and improve infrastructure.

ii. Use of Existing Infrastructure: The Coalition is committed to beneficial infrastructure and sustainable reuse throughout the County by using smart growth concepts to guide planning and policies. One primary goal of the Luzerne-Lackawanna Comprehensive Plan is to integrate the planning and design of transportation systems in a manner that fosters development of sustainable communities. Priority brownfields sites are located in areas served by existing infrastructure, thus the reuse of these sites represents sustainable redevelopment. By utilizing existing infrastructure, these sites reduce the need for additional external capital investment, preserve existing natural areas and minimize greenhouse gas contributions from redevelopment.

## **2. Community Need and Community Engagement**

### **a. Community Need**

i. The Community's Need for Funding: Lackawanna County is primarily a collection of rural communities with limited prospects for employment and economic growth because opportunities associated with the mining and ancillary manufacturing industries have not been replaced with jobs in more contemporary economic sectors and the economy of the County has suffered as a result. Various measures of economic health in the Lackawanna County indicate that the conditions here are worse than in surrounding counties and the state as a whole. According to data from the US Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), 2017 the unemployment rate in Lackawanna County (4.5%) was higher than in surrounding counties and higher than the United States (4.4%). According to the 2017 US Census within the jurisdiction of one of our coalition partners, Scranton, the largest city in the county, the number of people living below the poverty level was higher (23.6%) than county (14.3%), state (12.5%) or national averages (12.3%). Given that Scranton also has the highest minority population in the county (26.3%), it is likely that unemployment, poverty and depressed household incomes are disproportionately affecting the community here. Additionally, according to the US Census (2013-2017) the per capita income for the County (\$27,258) is less than Pennsylvania (\$31,476) and the nation (\$31,177).

### **ii. Threats to Sensitive Populations**

- (1) Health or Welfare of Sensitive Populations: Brownfields redevelopment will improve residents' health and welfare by removing sources of contamination and limiting inhalation, ingestion, and dermal contact exposures, which coincides with the Comprehensive Plan's goal of protecting and improving health and welfare of County residents. Moreover, health benefits to the community will also be enhanced by eliminating the risks associated with surface and subsurface contamination on brownfields sites. Physical health risks will be further mitigated by removing or restoring deteriorated buildings associated with these properties and managing mine-subsidence hazards. Sensitive and disadvantaged populations in these communities will likely be the most directly affected by brownfields redevelopment projects and expansion/creation of greenspaces and improving the quality of life in those communities and neighborhoods is a priority of the Coalition. Sensitive populations are at a greater risk due to brownfields within the coalition areas as there are a greater concentration of minorities and peoples in poverty. A majority of the minority population of the county resides in Scranton, which also is home to the majority of the brownfields sites. Scranton has a 26.3% minority population which is greater than the county at 14.7% and the state as a whole at 23.5%. According to the US Census (2018 estimates) the levels of poverty are also greater in Scranton (23.6%) versus Pennsylvania as a whole (12.5%)<sup>2</sup>.
- (2) Greater Than Normal Incidence of Disease and Adverse Health Conditions: The hazardous substances associated with brownfields sites throughout Lackawanna County represent potential sources of contamination that may adversely impact the health of county residents. The connection between mining and adverse health effects, especially before the implementation of stricter health

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<sup>2</sup> <https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/fact/table/scrantoncitypennsylvania,lackawannacountypennsylvania,pa,US/PST045218>



and safety standards, is well established. A report from the US Department of Health and Human Services<sup>3</sup> notes that exposure to coal mine dust is responsible for various pulmonary diseases such as coal workers' pneumoconiosis (CWP), chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) and silicosis. Considering all types of cancer, incident rates for both males and females were higher in the County when compared to state rates<sup>4</sup>. Typically, a higher percentage of residents living in the general vicinity of brownfields sites are low-income and minority populations, thus these sensitive populations may be disproportionately affected. The overall picture is that the health of Lackawanna County appears to be more impacted when compared to the state as a whole.

Physical hazards associated with abandoned mines on brownfields sites are an additional hazard to the communities in the County. The Bi-County Hazard Mitigation Plan<sup>5</sup> indicates that underground mine subsidence is the primary mine-related hazard in the County and such subsidence has been reported in 14 communities across the County. Moreover, the same report indicated that over 13,000 buildings and 13 bridges in the County were in potential subsidence areas. The city of Scranton, a Coalition partner, has the highest number of susceptible buildings with an estimated potential loss of over \$2 billion. A review of the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, Mine Subsidence Insurance Fund revealed that large areas of the County are classified as "undermined", indicating that many neighborhoods and communities are underlain by unstable voids left by former mining operations. These potential hazards can impact infrastructure and buildings, alter groundwater flow and divert surface water. Identifying and mitigating these types of hazards is also a goal of assessing and redeveloping brownfields throughout Lackawanna County and will facilitate the reduction of these threats. Additionally, two underground mine fires remain active in the Carbondale City and Olyphant Borough and pose a continued subsidence threat and are impacting air quality in those communities.

- (3) Economically Impoverished/Disproportionately Impacted Populations: The presence of brownfields throughout the County has contributed to higher unemployment, increased poverty rates, a lower per capita income which has led to a decreasing population. According to the US Census, the County population has decreased by 2% since 2010. According to the US Census (2018 estimates) the levels of poverty are also greater in Scranton (23.6%) versus Pennsylvania as a whole (12.5%)<sup>6</sup>. This trend indicates that the income tax base is lower, and shrinking, in Lackawanna County than the state. This has contributed to a decreased county-wide tax base which has led to a reduction in services and the amount of revenue that County municipalities have to operate and support redevelopment.

As more properties fall into disrepair and foreclosure, the number of brownfields will likely increase thus exacerbating an already tenuous real estate market in the County. Revenue shortfalls and budget cuts related to an eroded tax base from a depressed real estate situation and rising unemployment rates have limited the funding available for capital reinvestments projects, economic revitalization initiatives and infrastructure improvements. Aside from Scranton, the County consists primarily of smaller communities and municipalities that do not have the capabilities or resources to take on brownfields projects on the scale that is meaningful and beneficial to individual communities and the County. Accordingly, funding made available through this grant program will allow the Lackawanna County Coalition to unite smaller

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<sup>3</sup> Coal Mine Dust Exposures and Associated Health Outcomes: A review of information published since 1995. 2011. NIOSH Current Intelligence Bulletin 64.

<sup>4</sup> Pennsylvania Department of health - An analysis of cancer incident in Pennsylvania Counties 2007-2011

<sup>5</sup> Bi-County hazard Mitigation Plan for Lackawanna and Luzerne Counties, PA. 2009.

<sup>6</sup> <https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/fact/table/scrantoncitypennsylvania,lackawannacountypennsylvania,pa,US/PST045218>

communities and provide them with the opportunity to improve their economic future and quality of life and facilitate the reduction of threats that brownfields pose to this population.

**a. Community Engagement**

- i. **Community Involvement:** The community partners will be involved in public outreach and the site-selection process, but the final determination of sites where assessments will be conducted will be made by the Coalition. As sites are selected for assessment, the Coalition will present the reasoning for the selection at the quarterly meetings and solicit feedback from the public. The Lackawanna County Coalition will use community comments, evaluate the overall viability of the project and ensure compatibility with the Lackawanna-Luzerne Regional Plan, which is the official comprehensive plan for the County, as metrics to determine if the proposed site will be assessed using grant funds. The Lackawanna County Coalition representatives will also attend community organization meetings across the County to discuss the project and/or specific site assessments, where applicable. The following is a list of project partners.

<u>Partner Name</u>	<u>Point of Contact</u>	<u>Specific Role</u>
Lackawanna River Corridor Association	Bernie McGurl, <a href="mailto:director@lrca.org">director@lrca.org</a> , 570-347-6311	Community outreach, public engagement, and site identification
Lackawanna County Brownfields Steering Committee	Sandra Opshinsky, <a href="mailto:opshinskys@lackawannacounty.org">opshinskys@lackawannacounty.org</a> , 570-963-6830 x 1375	Public meeting coordination, stakeholder engagement, and site owner outreach
Chamber of Commerce	Robert Durkin, <a href="mailto:rdurkin@scrantonchamber.com">rdurkin@scrantonchamber.com</a> 570-342-7711	Business community engagement, redevelopment planning, and site owner coordination
University of Scranton	Julie Schumacher Cohen <a href="mailto:Julie.cohen@scranton.edu">Julie.cohen@scranton.edu</a> 570-941-5529	Stakeholder engagement and meeting space for public meetings

ii. **Incorporating Community Input**

Lackawanna was successful in their FY2015 US EPA Brownfields Grant application and will follow the same protocols which generated positive results and created a significant inventory of sites from public outreach. Once the award has been secured, the primary goal will be focused on engaging the community to identify potential brownfields sites to assess and updating the site priority list. In a series of quarterly public meetings to be held at various public meeting halls throughout the County, the Lackawanna County Coalition will solicit members of the County to identify sites they consider to be brownfields and sites that they feel are impacting health and welfare in the County. The Lackawanna County Coalition will also send written or electronic notices to area Chambers of Commerce so that they can provide the information to local businesses such as banks, developers, construction companies and real estate agencies and promote the progress of brownfield redevelopment initiatives within the County. These sites will be added to the inventory of potential sites to assess. The meeting presentation materials and minutes will be posted on Facebook, LinkedIn, and the Lackawanna County Coalition and County websites. Final selection of sites to assess will be aided by all community partners based on various criteria. Once the final list of potential brownfields site to be assessed has been determined, the list will be disseminated to members of the community using print, partner websites and social media as described above. After the initial phases of the assessment have been completed for a site, cleanup and redevelopment planning will be initiated which will include more intensive public-engagement activities, including explanations of plans and rationales and solicitation of comments and feedback on those plans.

If health threats are identified, written notices will be sent to potentially impacted residents, the Lackawanna County Department of Human Services and the Pennsylvania Department of

Environmental Protection (PADEP) will be contacted. As sites are transferred for redevelopment, the Lackawanna County Coalition will hold a public meeting to notify the community of the overall project outcomes. The presentation materials and minutes will be archived and posted to the Lackawanna County and Scranton websites and the various partner social media accounts.

### **3. Task Descriptions, Cost Estimates, and Measuring Progress**

#### **a. Description of Tasks**

**Task 1 – Project Management:** The lead agency of the coalition, Lackawanna County, will manage the assessment program, including developing eligible site inventory, contracting QEP(s) through a competitive selection process, coordinating the partners and the community outreach process, managing the site inventory, site selection process, overseeing the Phase I site assessments for up to 25 parcels and Phase II site assessments for up to 10 parcels, coordinating with the EPA and Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP), and developing interim and final reports.

**Task 2: Community Outreach:** The County has an established website for community updates and input. The County will announce grant progress, public meeting dates, and solicit input from the public through these outreach methods. The County will hold a kick-off meeting to inform the community and solicit community input. Throughout the period of the grant, the County will hold community meetings to inform the public of project progress. The County will take the lead in the community outreach process.

**Task 3 Site Inventory and Selection:** the County has an established brownfields inventory. The QEP will assist in identifying new sites, contacting site owners for inclusion, site access, and develop a GIS database and prepare Property Profile Forms for submission to the US EPA and site access agreements at a cost of \$27,500. Outputs include a GIS database inventory of brownfield sites and brownfields marketing. The County will oversee the development and maintenance of the inventory and site selection process.

**Task 4 Site Assessments:** Sites will be evaluated through completion of Phase I and/or Phase II ESA's conducted in accordance with All Appropriate Inquiry (ASTM Standard E1527-13) and other ASTM standards and practices. The overall project management for the environmental activities will be under the direct supervision of a Pennsylvania-qualified environmental consultant (QEP) under Act 2 of 1995, the Land Recycling and Environmental Remediation Standards Act. The county anticipates focusing assessment funds on determining the nature and extent of the contamination at the priority sites in which redevelopment is imminent. The county intends to perform up to 25 Phase I ESAs and up to 10 Phase II ESA's. The LCED will have the selected QEP prepare a generic Quality Assurance Project Plan for all Phase II ESA's and Site Specific Sampling and Analysis Plans for submission and approval by the EPA for each Phase II ESA, prior to the initiation of Phase II ESA activities.

**Task 5: Remedial Action Program Plans:** Complete Remedial Action Program Plans (RAPPs) outlining the plan for remediation on targeted locations. The development of the RAPPs will be under the direct supervision of a Pennsylvania-qualified environmental consultant (QEP) under Act 2 of 1995, the Land Recycling and Environmental Remediation Standards Act. These RAPPs will be used to leverage cleanup funds from Pennsylvania's Land Recycling program and reviewed by Pennsylvania DEP in the application process. Pennsylvania's Land Recycling program provides eligible projects up to \$1,000,000 in grant funds for cleanup and demolition of brownfield properties. The county estimates completing follow up RAPPs for at least 10 sites.

The Lackawanna County Coalition understands that there are additional costs associated with managing a grant and will commit to providing the costs for legal fees associated with staff time to administer the grant, conduct bidding activities for the procurement of a qualified environmental

consultant and oversee consultants and contractors, and staff participation in public involvement meeting and meetings with Pennsylvania EPA staff.

The Coalition, will manage the timely execution of this project based on the following schedule:

Months 1-3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Complete eligibility assessment of sites based on redevelopment criteria</li> <li>- Issue “Request for Proposals” for Qualified Environmental Professionals (QEP)</li> </ul>
Months 4-6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Select QEP(s) and execute contracts</li> <li>- Kick-off Public Meeting to solicit input from community</li> <li>- Quarterly Brownfields Steering Committee project meetings</li> <li>- Complete Quality Assurance Project Plan</li> <li>- Initiate assessment activities</li> </ul>
Months 7-24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Submit Site Specific Sampling and Analysis Plans for Phase II ESA’s</li> <li>- Complete assessment activities</li> <li>- Quarterly Brownfields Steering Committee project meetings</li> <li>- Update US ACRES and all EPA Reporting</li> </ul>
Months 25-36	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Complete grant close out reporting</li> <li>- Develop strategic plan to advance properties to Act 2 remediation</li> </ul>

**b. Cost Estimates and Outputs:**

**Task 1** - This cost is based on an average County personnel rate of \$50 an hour spending 220 hrs over three years (\$11,000). As well as travel costs to two annual State Brownfields Conferences and were calculate to be a cost of \$2,500 for two attendees, cost include estimates for conference registration, travel, food and hotel. The total estimated costs for this task are \$12,500.

**Task 2** – costs based on community outreach effort from previous grant and QEP estimates for time spent at public meetings. County personnel average rate of \$50 per hour spending a total of 90 hours planning and attending outreach meetings; plus \$1,000 for handouts and poster printouts, and \$4,500 for the QEP to attend and discuss the project.

**Task 3** - costs are based on current market estimates from potential QEPs, \$27,500 over three years, average County personnel at \$50 an hour for 180 hours over three years coordinating with land owners and travel time to visiting sites

**Task 4** - The estimated cost for the Phase I ESAs is anticipated to be approximately \$6,000 (based on current QEP costs estimates) each, the County plans on completing 25 for an estimated total of \$150,000. The coalition estimates up to 10 Phase II ESAs will need to be conducted based on the findings of the Phase I ESAs. The estimated costs include the completion of a project generic Quality Assurance Project Plan; and Site Specific Sampling and Analysis Plans for submission and approval by the EPA for each Phase II ESA. The estimated cost for the Phase II ESAs is anticipated to be approximately \$36,000 each, based on current QEP cost estimates for previous sites, for an estimated total of \$360,000, for a task total of \$510,000.

**Task 5** – The County plans on preparing remediation action plans on up to 10 sites. The estimated cost for the RAPPS is anticipated to be approximately \$10,000 each, based on current QEP cost estimates, for an estimated total of \$30,000.

Budget Categories	Task 1: Programmatic Costs	Task 2: Community Outreach	Task 3: Site Inventory and Selection	Task 4: Site Assessments	Task 5: Remedial Planning	Total
Personnel	\$11,000	\$4,500	\$9,000	\$0	\$0	\$24,500
Fringe Benefits	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Travel	\$2,500	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,500
Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Supplies	\$0	\$1,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,000
Contractual	\$0	\$4,500	\$27,500	\$510,000	\$30,000	\$572,000
Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Direct Costs	\$13,500	\$10,000	\$36,500	\$510,000	\$30,000	\$600,000
Indirect Costs	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$13,500</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>	<b>\$36,500</b>	<b>\$510,000</b>	<b>\$30,000</b>	<b>\$600,000</b>

**c. Measuring Environmental Results**

This Assessment Grant funding will promote revitalization, redevelopment and expansion of greenspaces throughout the County by eliminating the health and environmental risks posed by the extensive network of brownfields sites. Revitalization of these sites will support sustained economic growth, promote new investments and jobs, safer streets, stronger healthier families, increased pride, and the removal of potential environmental and physical hazards from the community. The table presented below lists some of the expected outputs and outcomes from the assessment program.

<b>Outputs</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of community-involvement meetings</li> <li>• Number of assessment sites identified</li> <li>• Number of Phase I ESAs completed</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of Phase II ESAs completed</li> <li>• Number of remediation plan's</li> <li>• Quarterly reports</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of sites assessed</li> <li>• Acres of greenspace preserved/created</li> <li>• Tax-base increase</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Number of sites redeveloped</li> <li>• Jobs created/retained</li> <li>• Redevelopment value added</li> </ul>

**4. Programmatic Capability and Past Performance**

**a. Programmatic Capability**

**i. Organizational Structure:** The Lackawanna County Coalition (the City of Scranton and the Redevelopment Authority of Lackawanna County, and the County of Lackawanna) project team is ready to initiate the assessment work and will be responsible for managing the Assessment Grant and ensuring the successful outcomes the assessment. The County of Lackawanna will represent the lead organization within the Coalition and will act as the liaison with the Redevelopment Authority of Lackawanna County and the City of Scranton for delivery of performance and technical reporting. Ms. Brenda Sacco is the Deputy Director of the Lackawanna County Department of Economic Development (LCDED) and will be responsible for day-to-day Assessment Grant management, communication and community outreach. Ms. Sacco will also be responsible for the coordination of the site-selection process and project coordination with the other coalition members. Ms. Sacco has over 20 years' experience in administration, project management, budgeting, and is responsible for direct oversight of the daily operations of the County's Community Development Block Grant Programs and Act 137 Affordable Housing programs, as well as the previous EPA Brownfields grant. Lackawanna County Coalition representatives will manage and track all project financial transactions and generate required financial reports. The Coalition will retain a qualified environmental consultant to assist in the site inventory, site ranking and conduct the environmental assessments. The environmental consultant will be retained using a qualification-based selection process in accordance with Pennsylvania law and that complies with applicable federal funding procurement regulations (40 CFR §31.36). Additionally, the consultant will have previous experience on multiple brownfields redevelopment projects where multiple brownfields financing incentives were leveraged, including US EPA Assessment Grants to ensure they have successful experience with Assessment Grant procedures, requirements and timeframes.

## **ii. Acquiring Additional Resources**

The Lackawanna County Department of Economic Development (LCDED) will act as the coalition lead on behalf of Lackawanna County. The coalition members as well as the Lackawanna County Brownfields Steering Committee will provide guidance on how to best utilize grant funds and leverage additional funding sources to promote viable revitalization. Upon authorization of the Cooperative Agreement by the US EPA, LCDED, on behalf of the coalition, will issue a request for qualifications to select a qualified environmental professional (QEP) to conduct assessment activities and initiate work in October 2019. Key tasks include the submissions of; Property Profile Forms and site access agreements to initiate Phase I ESA activities; the submission of a Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) and as appropriate, Site Specific Sampling and Analysis Plans (SAPs). At selected sites at which a reuse is likely and the Phase I ESA indicates a Phase II ESA is necessary, the selected QEP will initiate the SAP development in order to keep the project on task for completion in the 3-year time frame. The LCDED will be responsible for the day-to-day grant operations including: updating and maintaining the brownfields inventory, distributing information about the project to the community, selecting sites for assessment, tracking project progress, procuring all contractual services, and submitting required reports to the US EPA.

### **b. Past Performance and Accomplishments**

**i. Currently Has or Previously Received an EPA Brownfields Grant:** The Coalition received a US EPA Brownfields Assessment Coalition Grant in 2015 for hazardous substances (BF# 96339401). The coalition has completely drawn down and closed out this previous grant in 2018. While significant progress has been made, more work needs to be completed for the Coalition to meet its redevelopment goals.

(1) **Accomplishments:** The Coalition has conducted outreach meetings, developed an inventory of sites and have completed four Phase I ESAs and three Phase II ESAs. The following is a brief description of the outputs and outcomes of the previous grant activities which have been updated in US ACRES; **Ben Mar Site** – Phase I and II completed, site is being redeveloped to expand an existing business, creating new jobs and is pursuing state funding to assist the further development of the site; **RSM Site** – Phase I and II completed, remediation plan completed, the City of Scranton has secured \$400,000 for the redevelopment of this site into a pocket park in state funding and is awaiting another \$500,000 in state funding to implement the remediation plan; **Former Kaplan Site** – Phase I completed and entered into the EPA TAB program for the completion of assessment activities; **Mylert Site** – Phase I was completed and the site was taken into ownership of the Lackawanna County Land Bank to position the site for resale for redevelopment by the adjacent owner.

(2) **Compliance with Grant Requirements:** The Coalition has complied with all requirements of the US EPA Community Wide Brownfields Assessment Grant. The Coalition has submitted Property Profile Forms, Quality Assurance Project Plan, Site Specific Sampling and Analysis Plans, Quarter Reporting, Disadvantaged Business Enterprise reporting, Financial Reporting (SF-254), as well as updating US ACRES. The previous funding has been successfully drawn down and has made positive contributions to the health and welfare of the County and is making steady and positive progress toward their brownfields redevelopment goals. However, more funding is needed to assess more sites throughout the County and make meaningful and measurable contributions to the residents and economy of the County. Receiving additional Assessment Grant funding is vital to the future of this community.

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Attachment 1 – Applicant Eligibility

1. Applicant Eligibility

Each of the members of the Lackawanna County Coalition are eligible applicants. Lackawanna County, the lead entity, and the City of Scranton are general purpose of local government, in compliance with 40 CFR Part 31. The Redevelopment Authority of Lackawanna County is an eligible applicant as a legally incorporated public body, corporate and politic, in accordance with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Urban Redevelopment Law, Act of 1945, P.L. 991, No. 385 as amended. Following appropriate legislation by the County of Lackawanna declaring the need for a Redevelopment Authority, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of State issued a Certificate of Incorporation to the Authority on February 16, 1961. Management of the Authority is vested solely with its governing board.

Letters from the coalition partners are attached herein.





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Jerry Notarianni  
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January 15, 2019

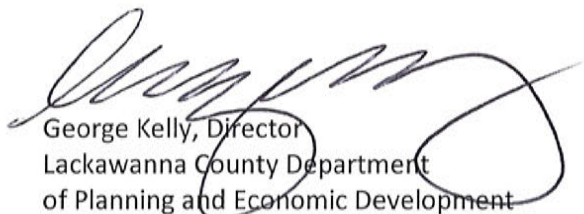
Dear EPA Brownfields Assessment Grant Program Administrator,

The purpose of this letter is to notify you that the Lackawanna County Department of Economic and Community Development fully supports this U.S. EPA Brownfields Coalition Community Wide Grant application for \$600,000. We are excited to continue the great progress we have made with our previous U.S. EPA Brownfields Grant, which has been fully expended, and serve as the coalition leader on behalf of our partners the City of Scranton and the Lackawanna County Redevelopment Authority.

This coalition has made great strides utilizing the previous U.S. EPA Brownfields grant funding and have assessed several sites, some of which have been redeveloped and others are in the process of redevelopment. This would not have been accomplished without this seed funding. We realize that there is more work to be done to further the progress we have made.

Based on the community feedback we have received and the additional sites we have identified, we are re-applying to continue the revitalization of the county brownfields and bring much needed redevelopment to our community.

We appreciate your support and respectfully request your consideration.



George Kelly, Director  
Lackawanna County Department  
of Planning and Economic Development





December 5, 2018

Director  
Lackawanna County Department of Economic and Community Development  
135 Jefferson Avenue, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Scranton, PA 18503

Re: US EPA Brownfields Assessment Grant and Consortium

Dear Director of Economic and Community Development,

The Lackawanna County Redevelopment Authority (Redevelopment Authority) would be pleased to support the US EPA Brownfields Assessment Grant. It is our mission to support economic development activities throughout the County and with the possibility of this funding, it is an important first step.

The process of successful reuse and revitalization of these sites through the funding that is available through the US EPA Brownfields Community Wide Assessment Grant Program is a worthy cause that will help to investigate brownfield sites and develop a remediation plan for the locations that are the most viable options to drive successful redevelopment. The redevelopment of these unutilized tracts of land will fuel new economic development in Lackawanna County and we are on board to be a part of this initiative.

It is also our intention to be a part of the Brownfields Community Wide Assessment Coalition and we look forward to hearing more and being included in upcoming discourse to further this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "George Kelly", is written over the typed name and title.

George Kelly, Executive Director  
Lackawanna County Redevelopment Authority



## BUREAU OF CITY PLANNING

CITY HALL : 340 NORTH WASHINGTON AVENUE : SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA 18503 : PHONE 570-348-4280 : FAX 570-348-4171

December 5, 2018

Sandra Opshinsky  
Lackawanna County Department of Economic & Community Development  
135 Jefferson Avenue 2nd Floor  
Scranton, PA 18503

Dear Ms. Opshinsky

The City of Scranton is proud to be a part of the Lackawanna County Coalition US EPA Brownfields Community Wide Coalition grant application. This coalition is made up of Lackawanna County, the City of Scranton, and the Redevelopment Authority.

The City of Scranton agrees to continue to be a part of this coalition. We further agree that Lackawanna County will again serve as the leader of our coalition. It is our mission to support economic development activities throughout the County and with the possibility of this funding; it is an important first step.

The process of successful reuse and revitalization of these sites through the funding that is available through the US EPA Brownfields Community Wide Assessment Grant Program is a worthy cause that will continue to help investigate brownfield sites and develop remediation plans for the locations that are the most viable options to drive successful redevelopment. The redevelopment of these unutilized tracts of land will continue to fuel new economic development in Lackawanna County and we are on board to be a part of this initiative.

We also wish to continue to be a part of the Brownfields Community Wide Assessment Coalition and we look forward to continuing this important work.

If you have any further questions regarding this matter please contact me at (570) 348-4280 or by email at [dking@scrantonpa.gov](mailto:dking@scrantonpa.gov).

Sincerely,

Donald J. King, AICP, CFM  
City Planner

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Attachment 2 – Community Involvement

2. Community Involvement

Lackawanna was successful in their FY2015 US EPA Brownfields Grant application and will follow the same protocols which generated positive results and created a significant inventory of sites from public outreach. Once the award has been secured, the primary community program will be focused on engaging the community to identify potential brownfields sites to assess and updating the site priority list. In a series of quarterly public meetings to be held at various municipal meeting halls throughout the County, the Lackawanna County Coalition will solicit members of the County to identify sites they consider to be brownfields and sites that they feel are impacting health and welfare in the County. Each quarterly meeting will be held in a different location to involve as many of the County residents as possible in the process. These sites will be added to the inventory of potential sites to assess. The meeting presentation materials and minutes will be posted on Facebook, LinkedIn, and the Lackawanna County Coalition and County websites. Final selection of sites to assess will be aided by all community partners based on various criteria. As sites are selected for assessment, the Lackawanna County Coalition will present the reasoning for the selection at the quarterly municipal meetings and solicit feedback from the public. The Lackawanna County Coalition will use community comments, evaluate the overall viability of the project and ensure compatibility with the Lackawanna-Luzerne Regional Plan, which is the official comprehensive plan for the County, as metrics to determine if the proposed site will be assessed using grant funds. The Lackawanna County Coalition representatives will also attend community organization meetings across the County to discuss the project and/or specific site assessments, where applicable. Once the final list of potential brownfields site to be assessed has been determined, the list will be disseminated to members of the community using print, partner websites and social media as described above. After the initial phases of the assessment have been completed for a site, cleanup and redevelopment planning will be initiated which will include more intensive public-engagement activities, including explanations of plans and rationales and solicitation of comments and feedback on those plans.

Following notification of an Assessment Grant award, the Lackawanna County Coalition will announce the award to the community through a press release to the local newspapers (*The Scranton Times Tribune*, *Times Leader*), both print and website, social media updates (Facebook, LinkedIn, etc.). Additionally, each of the Lackawanna County Coalition will post announcements on their websites ([www.lackawannacounty.org](http://www.lackawannacounty.org), [www.scrantonpa.gov](http://www.scrantonpa.gov)). The Lackawanna County Coalition will include instructions on how to reach these internet resources in the initial press release. Additionally, because approximately 9.9% of the population in Scranton and 5.9% of the population in the County is Hispanic (US Census 2010), the Lackawanna County Coalition will also place advertisements and make written materials available in both English and Spanish. These are important members of the County and the Coalition is committed to engaging all interested parties regardless of language. The Lackawanna County Coalition will also send written or electronic notices to area Chambers of Commerce so that they can provide the information to local businesses such as banks,

developers, construction companies and real estate agencies and promote the progress of brownfield redevelopment initiatives within the County.

Assessment results will be posted on the Scranton and Lackawanna County websites and broadcast through social media outlets. If health threats are identified, written notices will be sent to potentially impacted residents, the Lackawanna County Department of Human Services and the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP) will be contacted. At the close of the project, the Lackawanna County Coalition will hold a final public meeting to notify the community of the overall project outcomes. The presentation materials and minutes will be archived and posted to the Lackawanna County and Scranton websites and the various partner social media accounts.

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Attachment 3 – Expenditure of Assessment Grant Funds

The Lackawanna County Coalition received a US EPA Brownfields Coalition Grant in the amount of \$500,000 in 2015. The Coalition has successfully drawn down 100% of these funds and the grant was closed out in 2018.

The Lackawanna County Coalition does not currently have an active EPA Brownfields Assessment Grant.

## Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

\* 1. Type of Submission:

- ☐ Preapplication  
☒ Application  
☐ Changed/Corrected Application

\* 2. Type of Application:

- ☒ New  
☐ Continuation  
☐ Revision

\* If Revision, select appropriate letter(s):

\* Other (Specify):

\* 3. Date Received:

01/31/2019

4. Applicant Identifier:

5a. Federal Entity Identifier:

5b. Federal Award Identifier:

State Use Only:

6. Date Received by State:

7. State Application Identifier:

### 8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:

\* a. Legal Name:

LACKAWANNA COUNTY

\* b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN):

(b) (6)

\* c. Organizational DUNS:

1358552650000

### d. Address:

\* Street1:

123 WYOMING AVENUE

Street2:

5TH FLOOR

\* City:

SCRANTON

County/Parish:

LACKAWANNA COUNTY

\* State:

PA: Pennsylvania

Province:

\* Country:

USA: UNITED STATES

\* Zip / Postal Code:

18503-2025

### e. Organizational Unit:

Department Name:

Division Name:

### f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:

Prefix:

\* First Name:

BRENDA

Middle Name:

\* Last Name:

SACCO

Suffix:

Title:

DEPUTY DIRECTOR

Organizational Affiliation:

\* Telephone Number:

5709636830

Fax Number:

saccob@

\* Email:

saccob@lackawannacounty.org

## Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

### \* 9. Type of Applicant 1: Select Applicant Type:

B: County Government

### Type of Applicant 2: Select Applicant Type:

C: City or Township Government

### Type of Applicant 3: Select Applicant Type:

E: Regional Organization

### \* Other (specify):

### \* 10. Name of Federal Agency:

Environmental Protection Agency

### 11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:

66.818

### CFDA Title:

Brownfields Assessment and Cleanup Cooperative Agreements

### \* 12. Funding Opportunity Number:

EPA-OLEM-OBLR-18-06

### \* Title:

FY19 GUIDELINES FOR BROWNFIELDS ASSESSMENT GRANTS

### 13. Competition Identification Number:

### Title:

### 14. Areas Affected by Project (Cities, Counties, States, etc.):

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### \* 15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project:

Lackawanna County Coalition Community Wide Assessment Grant for Sites Contaminated with Hazardous Substances

Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions.

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**Application for Federal Assistance SF-424****16. Congressional Districts Of:**

\* a. Applicant PA-17

\* b. Program/Project PA-17

Attach an additional list of Program/Project Congressional Districts if needed.

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**17. Proposed Project:**

\* a. Start Date: 10/01/2019

\* b. End Date: 09/30/2022

**18. Estimated Funding (\$):**

* a. Federal	600,000.00
* b. Applicant	0.00
* c. State	0.00
* d. Local	0.00
* e. Other	0.00
* f. Program Income	0.00
* g. TOTAL	600,000.00

**\* 19. Is Application Subject to Review By State Under Executive Order 12372 Process?**

- ☐ a. This application was made available to the State under the Executive Order 12372 Process for review on .
- ☒ b. Program is subject to E.O. 12372 but has not been selected by the State for review.
- ☐ c. Program is not covered by E.O. 12372.

**\* 20. Is the Applicant Delinquent On Any Federal Debt? (If "Yes," provide explanation in attachment.)**☐ Yes ☒ No

If "Yes", provide explanation and attach

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**21. \*By signing this application, I certify (1) to the statements contained in the list of certifications\*\* and (2) that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also provide the required assurances\*\* and agree to comply with any resulting terms if I accept an award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. (U.S. Code, Title 218, Section 1001)**

☒ \*\* I AGREE

\*\* The list of certifications and assurances, or an internet site where you may obtain this list, is contained in the announcement or agency specific instructions.

**Authorized Representative:**

Prefix:  \* First Name: BRENDA

Middle Name:

\* Last Name: SACCO

Suffix:

\* Title: DEPUTY DIRECTOR

\* Telephone Number: 5709636830 Fax Number: 

\* Email: saccob@lackawannacounty.org

\* Signature of Authorized Representative: SANDRA L OPHSHINSKY \* Date Signed: 01/31/2019





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HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES COALITION ASSESSMENT GRANT APPLICATION

**Narrative Information Sheet**

January 31, 2019

1. Applicant Identification

Lackawanna County Coalition  
123 Wyoming Avenue, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Scranton, Pennsylvania 18503

DUNS NUMBER: 135855265

2. Funding Requested

- a) Assessment Grant Type: Coalition Community-Wide Assessment Grant
- b) Federal Funds Requested
  - i. \$600,000
  - ii. NA
- c) Contamination: Hazardous Substances \$600,000

3. Location: City of Scranton and all of Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania.

4. NA

5. Contacts:

- a) Project Director:  
Brenda Sacco, Deputy Director of  
Economic Development  
123 Wyoming Avenue, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Scranton, PA 18503  
Phone: 570-963-6830; Fax 570-963-7596; email: [saccob@lackawannacounty.org](mailto:saccob@lackawannacounty.org)

- b) Chief Executive Officer of Lackawanna County Department of Economic Development:  
George Kelly, Director of  
Economic Development  
123 Wyoming Avenue, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Scranton, PA 18503  
Phone: 570-963-6830; Fax 570-963-7596; email: [kellyg@lackawannacounty.org](mailto:kellyg@lackawannacounty.org)

6. Population

- i) The project is within the limits of Lackawanna County, Pennsylvania. The County's population as of the 2017 US Census was 210,761.

7. The "Other Factors" checklist is attached.

8. Letter from the State Environmental Authority is attached

Thank you for your consideration,



George Kelly, Director



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January 15, 2019

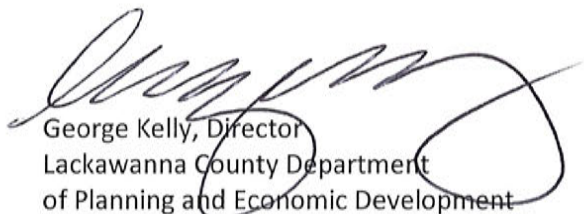
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